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PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT BRIGADIER GENERAL LON NON-CAMBODIAN PRESIDENT LON NOL'S TROUBLEMAKING YOUNGER BROTHER, RETURNED TO PHNOM PENH TODAY. LON NON WAS PRESSURED INTO LEAVING CAMBODIA IN THE SPRING OF LAST YEAR AFTER HIS CONSTANT POLITICAL MACHINATIONS HAD ANTAGONIZED MUCH OF PHNOM PENH'S POLITICAL LEADERSHIP.

ALTHOUGH THERE WERE REPORTS LAST WEEK THAT LON NOL HAD ORDERED HIS BROTHER NOT TO RETURN, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT LON NON WOULD HAVE COME BACK WITHOUT THE PRESIDENT'S ACQUIESCENCE. LON NON'S PRESENCE IN PHNOM PENH FOR A FEW

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